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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 October 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yung (U.S. Patent 6,196,113) in view of Kaisha (EP 1041860).

Regarding claims 1, 5, 8 and 11, Yung discloses code input device (Fig. 2 element 25, i.e., control panel); a housing (Fig. 5B, element 154); a oven generator (Fig. 5B, element 150, i.e., chamber) disposed in association with the housing (column 7, lines 42-46) and operates the oven generator in accordance with a recipe program selected from the plurality of recipe program in view of a code input by the code input device (column 11, lines 1-57); storing the plurality of recipe programs in the memory (Fig. 6, element 225 and 254) by the controller (Fig. 6, element 250; column 9, lines 11-24) that are each selectable with digital signal from a code input device (column 11, lines 8-22); configuring the oven in response to the digital signal associated with one recipe program in the plurality of recipe programs (column 8, lines 21-25 & lines 44-48; column 11, lines 8-22) and a network interface (Fig. 6, element 295) in communication with controller (Fig. 6, element 250).

Regarding claims 2, 7, 10 and 13, Yung discloses a clock operable coupled to the controller (Fig. 2) and set upon receipt at network interface of a time synchronization

message (it is inherent in all computer networks that the clocks are synchronize. column 6, lines 42-56).

Regarding claims 3, 6, 9 and 12, Yung discloses a recipe program request messaged including the input code is formatted by the controller in response to the code input device (column 6, lines 27-33) upon the controller failing of the find a recipe program in the plurality of recipe program associated with the input code (column 6, lines 9-19); the network interface (Fig. 6, element 295; column 9, lines 46-59) is in receipt of the request recipe program associated with the input code in response recipe program request message (Fig. 6; column 10, lines 16-30).

Yung fails to disclose that configured to request a recipe program from an operable connected, but external device, if the code input by the code input device does not correspond to any one of the plurality of recipe programs stored in the controller.

Kaisha discloses that configured to request a recipe program from an operable connected, but external device (column 3, lines 25-40), if the code input by the code input device does not correspond to any one of the plurality of recipe programs stored in the controller (column 40, lines 15-33).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to modify the teachings of Yung with the teachings of Kaisha in order to provide searching and sorting the recipe information and identified and load the new recipe easily.

3. Claims 14-15 and 18 -19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yung (U.S. Patent 6,196,113) in view of Edamula (U.S. patent 4,837,414) and Kaisha (EP 1041860).

Regarding claims 14-15, Yung discloses the limitations of claims 1, 5, 8 and 11 as stated above in par. 2. However, Yung fails to disclose the limitation of claims 14-17. Edamula discloses the limitations of claims 14-17 as follow: the code input device comprises a bar code for scanning a unique product code (Abstract and Fig. 4).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to modify the teachings of Yung with the teachings of Edamula since it is easy to recognized or identify a particular cooking program.

Regarding claims 18-20, Yung discloses a housing (fig. 1, element 54 and Fig. 5B, element 154); a oven generator disposed in association with the housing (Fig. 1, element 50 and Fig. 5B, element 150) disposed in the housing (Fig. 2 and Fig. 5B); receiving a plurality of recipe programs at a network interface in an oven from an operably connected, but external device (Fig. 6, element 294 & 296; column 9, lines 11-59; column 10, lines 16-29, i.e., a devices externally connectable to the appliance include a personal computer 296 which is preferably connected via the standard interface 295 which is either a parallel port or a serial port to the I/O interface 290. This allows for multimedia files to be played back as well as for even flexible exchange of data and control); storing the plurality of recipe programs in memory by a controller, each of the plurality of recipe programs being selected in response to a code input by a code device (column 2, lines 46-57); executing a recipe program to configure the oven

in response to the code being associated with the recipe program by the controller (column 6, lines 42-56).

Yung specifically fails to disclose a code input device including a bar code reader for scanning a unique product code. However, Edamula discloses a code input device including a bar code reader for scanning a unique product code (Abstract and Fig. 4).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to modify the teachings of Yung with the teachings of Edamula since it is easy to recognized or identify a particular cooking program.

Yung and Edamula fail to disclose Kaisha discloses that configured to request a recipe program from an operable connected, but external device, if the code input by the code input device does not correspond to any one of the plurality of recipe programs stored in the controller.

Kaisha discloses that configured to request a recipe program from an operable connected, but external device (column 3, lines 25-40), if the code input by the code input device does not correspond to any one of the plurality of recipe programs stored in the controller (column 40, lines 15-33).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to modify the teachings of Yung with the teachings of Kaisha in order to provide searching and sorting the recipe information and identified and load the new recipe easily.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

6. Any inquiry concerning communication or earlier communication from examiner should be directed to Kidest Bahta, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3737.

Examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST. If attempts to reach examiner by phone fail, examiner's supervisor, Leo Picard, can be reached (571) 272-3749. Additionally, fax phones for Art Unit 2125 is (703) 872-9306. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to status of this application should be directed to group receptionist at (703) 305-9600.

Kidest Bahta

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kidest Bahta', written over a horizontal line.

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